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LETTER DATED 14 JUNE 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 13 June 1996 from Mr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to you on the latest developments in Tajikistan.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
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Annex

Letter dated 13 June 1996 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

The holding of several rounds of inter-Tajik talks and the agreements thus reached as a result of the support and efforts of the United Nations and observer countries presented a ray of hope to the afflicted people of Tajikistan during the last few months for establishment of a just and durable peace and prevalence of stability. However, the recent events and developments at borders and within Tajikistan have renewed reasons for concern on the part of the supporters and promoters of peace and tranquillity in that country.

The Tehran Cease-fire Agreement of 17 September 1994, which resulted from negotiations between the two sides and efforts of the United Nations and other intermediaries, presenting an appropriate and necessary basis for the peaceful settlement of the crisis through constructive talks between the two sides, has been reportedly violated by both sides on several occasions. In the meantime, no effective measure has been taken to promote and carry out those understandings that have not to date been breached, and, as a result, the Joint Commission for monitoring the cease-fire has been rendered inactive.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has the strong conviction that during the transitional period the region is in dire need of calm and stability, and that the continuation of the current crisis in Tajikistan would adversely affect all of central Asia. Hence, the Islamic Republic of Iran views the recent events in Tajikistan with deep concern. It is in this context that, in keeping with its policy to help settle regional crises, the Islamic Republic of Iran, as one of the intermediary countries working with the United Nations to restore peace and stability in Tajikistan, underscores that commitment to continuation of inter-Tajik talks and full adherence to agreements and understandings thus reached by both sides is the only viable solution for the crisis. Therefore, I feel compelled to draw your attention to the urgent need to hold the inter-Tajik talks in the shortest possible time and to the imperative of adopting measures to build confidence.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as in the past, expresses its readiness to help and cooperate with the United Nations and your Special Representative in Tajikistan for the fulfilment of the serious and constructive task of settling the dispute and the convening of a new round of inter-Tajik talks.

(Signed) Ali Akbar VELAYATI
Minister for Foreign Affairs